

## Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, August 28, 1883, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell, to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. Oakland, Md. Aug. 28, 1883? My dear Alec:

Half a cake is better than no cake, so I will go to Miss Young's Saturday, but can't I have possession of the house by Tuesday, as I want to be fairly in before Mamma arrives. Why must you come for us, it is only so much more expense and fatigue for you. We can get along very well the dear little ones are as good as gold. How blessed we are in these babies and may God help us to be good and kind parents to them. It is so easy to be cruel to them with the best intentions.

I return Mr. Moxley's book at once as it is of absolutely no use or interest to me, and have written by this mail to Brentano to countermand your order of another copy for me. It is a snobbish account of the castles and peerages of the nobles of England, and there is not one illustration that could be of use to any one. It is I think a quarto volume, the book I wanted as wrote I Mr. Moxley is a folio, a book in volumes and of the size of my "Gerome" which your father gave me. It has full page illustrations of interiors, I am almost sure the title is as I said "Ancestral Halls and Homes of England" and published by H. Sotheran in 1872. I am awfully disappointed about it I have been wanting the book for this purpose for so long, and thought I had it now. I wanted that chimney done before Mamma came.

How are the men getting on, I am awfully nervous.

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We are all very well. Take care of my husband for me.

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Lovingly yours, Mabel. How is Mr. Johnson. No letter from you.